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A great white tent, its flags flying gaily in the soft summer breeze, was outlined against the rolling green hills. Behind the tent a group of men after systematically sweeping away the burning embers with birch branches, were throwing barrels of wet seaweed onto two large piles of heated rocks. The pungent sharp smell of the sea at first seemed out of place in the inland community of Hopedale. Then all at once it was natural for, to a New Englander, a clambake is a symbol of enjoyable times, comradeship, and of good food.

Draper Corporation was honoring its employees who had served 25 years or more. Along with the large group from the Hopedale plant and office the plants in Beebe River, N. H., Tupper Lake, N. Y., Spartanburg and East Spartanburg, S. C., and Atlanta, Ga., were represented. A very impressive total of 724 attended the clambake. Pins were presented to the 572 twenty-five year men and women.

Mr. Thomas H. West, Draper President, in a short talk after the "bake" expressed the Corporation's appreciation of the loyalty of its long-time workers. He also outlined the many benefits that the Draper Corporation shared with its employees.

Mr. West, (lower right hand corner) holds up one of the 425 lobsters. Also consumed were 85 gallons of clam chowder, 17 barrels of steamed clams, a tremendous number of fried chickens, and all the "fixings."

During the "Bake"
the Happy Diners
told stories and cracked jokes
in the delightful spirit of
comradeship that is typical of
Draper gatherings.